

Columbia County Drainage Basin Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Water Utility Administrative Building Conference Room
Evans, Georgia

Chairman Bo Slaughter called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Additional members present included: John Graham, Phillip Green, and Mike Rorick.

Members absent: Greg Banford, Jim Bartley and Ben Brandenburg

Staff present: Margaret Doss and Jacques Palmer

Visitors present: Sam Booher.

Agenda: One item was added to the proposed agenda, Stormwater budget.

Motion Mr. Rorick, seconded Mr. Graham to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried.**

Motion Mr. Rorick, seconded Mr. Green to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008, minutes.
Motion Carried.

Motion Mr. Graham, seconded Mr. Green to approve the following meeting dates and times for the remainder of 2008:

Thursday, April 17, 2008, 3 pm	Thursday, September 11, 2008, 2 pm
Thursday, May 8, 2008, 2 pm	Thursday, October 9, 2008, 2 pm
Thursday, June 12, 2008, 2 pm	Thursday, November 13, 2008, 2 pm
Thursday, July 10, 2008, 2 pm	Thursday, December 11, 2008, 2 pm
Thursday, August 14, 2008, 2 pm	

Motion Carried.

Ms. Doss presented a handout (Attachment A) showing the location of the MS4 improvement projects in the Wynnate Tributary to Reed Creek that were recommended by Jordan, Jones, and Goulding (JJ&G). The handout contained project descriptions for three projects for which a Request for Proposal is being for design work. Mr. Green asked if the culvert replacement at Petersburg Road would be part of the upcoming DOT project for River Watch Parkway. The Council asked staff to look into that matter.

Mr. Graham presented a written synopsis of the original stakeholder group's actions and accomplished (Attachment B). In discussing the articles that the former group wrote for the monthly County newsletters, Mr. Graham suggested that the articles be placed on the County website. He also expressed concern that someone had mowed the grass at Jones Creek and Furys Ferry Road all the way down to the creek banks in contradiction of policy, and that serious erosion was taking place. He wanted to know what remedies could be undertaken.

Mr. Slaughter asked the Council members to consider how the Council can work with the local schools to educate students on stormwater issues. Mr. Palmer reported that Charles Phillips, the County Extension agent, was open to the idea of adding a stormwater component to the program he already has in place for educating fifth graders. The Council instructed Staff to invite Mr. Phillips to the next DBAC meeting.

Mr. Palmer presented last year's Enviro-Source Newsletter (Attachment C) to the Council and explained that sending this newsletter to area builders and developers satisfies BMP #5 in Appendix D of the County's Notice of Intent. He asked that the Council members determine what to include in this year's newsletter. It was decided that the Council members would bring ideas for this to the next DBAC meeting.

At the previous meeting staff was asked to find out if Georgia Iron Works was in the County or the City of Grovetown. Mr. Palmer reported that part of GIW's property was in the City and part in the County. They do not pay a stormwater utility fee because that area of the County is not in the enhanced service area.

One member stated that he would like a list of all County stormwater projects at each DBAC meeting. For this meeting, Mr. Graham asked about Mullins Dam and the wetlands at Washington Commons. Mr. Palmer presented a brief synopsis of the Mullins Dam project and had some pictures of the project. The project is approximately 85% complete and is to be suitable to withstand a 5-year storm. There was no information available on work in the Washington Commons area. Mr. Graham stated that he believes further study is warranted in that area to determine the source of the silt in Reed Creek during rainfall events.

During the Public Comment time, Mr. Sam Booher stated that he would like to see a larger list of appropriate BMPs in the upcoming Enviro-Source newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Minutes attested by: _____
John Graham, Secretary

Minutes approved by Council on [date]

Chairman Slaughter

Date